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SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK - ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR US
ASSISTANCE IN INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENCY OPERATION

REF: KINSHASA 4920

1. GEN. BABIA CALLED IN CHIEF ZAMISH AT 1730 HOURS ZULU TO REQUEST US C-130 SUPPORT FOR POSSIBLE FRENCH/BELGIAN PARACHUTE INTERVENTION IN ORDER TO RESCUE FOREIGN NATIONALS LOCATED IN KOLWEZI AREA.
2. HE STATED THAT THE BELGIANS CURRENTLY HAVE TWO BATTALIONS OF 700 MEN EACH ON ALERT AND THE FRENCH HAVE TWO BATTALIONS OF 400 EACH ON ALERT. PRELIMINARY PLANNING INDICATES A THREE BATTALION OPERATION CONSISTING OF TWO BELGIAN AND ONE FRENCH BATTALIONS. THE BELGIANS ARE

PREPARED TO EMPLOY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT C-130'S FROM THEIR OWN RESOURCES. FAZ WILL COMMIT FIVE C-130'S FROM ITS RESOURCES. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AN ADDITIONAL FIVE TO TEN C-130 AIRCRAFT ARE REQUIRED. BABIA MADE A STRONG REQUEST THAT THE US FURNISH THE
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ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVE OF ZAMISH PARTICPATE WITH THE BELGIAN AND FRENCH PLANNERS TO DETERMINE ACTUAL NUMBERS OF AIRCRAFT REQUIRED.

3. MY RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED PARA 7 REFTTEL.
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